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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of SCOUTEN et al)

Examiner: S. K. Webb

Serial No. 10/036,231)

Filed December 24, 2001)

Title: STEREOTAXIC MANIPULATOR WITH RETROFITTED LINEAR SCALES AND DIGITAL DISPLAY DEVICE

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AFTER-FINAL RESPONSE WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

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The comments below are offered in reply to a Final Office Action dated August 4, 2005. A Request for Continuing Examination (Form PTO/SB/30) and a check for \$395 are enclosed. The undersigned attorney also has requested an interview with the Examiner, preferably on Thursday, November 10.

Various comments in the Final Office Action indicate that additional information needs to be provided, by the Applicant, to properly explain an important phrase in the amended claims. In particular, the phrase, "a conventional non-digital stereotaxic holder" is a term of art that is understood by those who work in